

REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Broadening Reissue Application of:

Yoshitaka ITOH and Toshiaki HASHIZUME

Serial No.: Reissue Application of U.S. Patent No. 5,986,809 issued November 16, 1999
(U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/029,080 filed February 20, 1998)

Filed:

For: POLARIZATION CONVERSION ELEMENT, POLARIZATION
ILLUMINATOR, DISPLAY USING THE SAME ILLUMINATOR, AND
PROJECTOR (As Amended)

Docket No.: 039504.99

REISSUE DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, Yoshitaka ITOH and Toshiaki HASHIZUME, hereby declare that:

1. We are citizens of Japan with the addresses as stated below next to our names.
2. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the Oath/Declaration.
3. We believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought and that is described and claimed in the reissue application and in U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,986,809 which issued from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/029,080 filed February 20, 1998.
4. We claim the priority benefit of the following applications:
Japanese Patent Application No. 8-165006 filed June 25, 1997; and
PCT/JP97/02189, filed June 25, 1997.
5. We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).
6. We consider U.S. Patent No. 5,986,809 to be partly inoperative by reason of claiming less than we had a right to claim because the original claims are unduly limited and may not provide an adequate scope of protection.

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7. For example, claims 19-21 recite a "projection display apparatus" instead of merely a --projector--.

8. All errors being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on our part.

9. We hereby revoke all prior powers of attorney and appoint the following as our attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office:

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Richard E. Rice, Reg. No. 31,560.

All correspondence in connection with this application should be sent to Oliff & Berridge, PLC, P.O. Box 19928, Alexandria, Virginia 22320, telephone (703) 836-6400.

10. We have reviewed and understand the contents of this reissue declaration, and all statements made herein of our knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent reissued thereon.

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Assignee, Seiko Epson Corporation (by Assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 20, 1998 at Reel 9111, Frame 0714), of U.S. Patent No. 5,986,809 (granted November 16, 1999) hereby consents to this reissue application.

The undersigned hereby confirms that he has authority to sign this Consent on behalf of the Assignee.

Date: November 15, 2001

Signature: 

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